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The Honorable Cyrus R. Vance
Deputy Secretary of Defense
Washington, D. C.

4 MAR 1965

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have your letter of 23 February referring to Congressional hearings for the NRO Budget in FY 1966. Mr. McCone, to whom you addressed your letter, is out of town, as you know, and will not return until early next week at the earliest.

I believe that your letter and Mr. McCone's 5 February letter to you on this subject provide the atmosphere and the opportunity for developing a procedure which will be mutually acceptable.

I suggest that we make this subject of Congressional hearings a specific agenda item for the next meeting of the NRO Executive Committee at which time we can go into the matter in further detail.

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The CIA Security Officers made contact with [redacted] of the NRO Staff and briefed [redacted] in detail on the extent to which members of the Congressional Committees have been briefed on the subjects involved.

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Faithfully yours,

((Signed)) Marshall S. Carter

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Lieutenant General, USA
Acting Director

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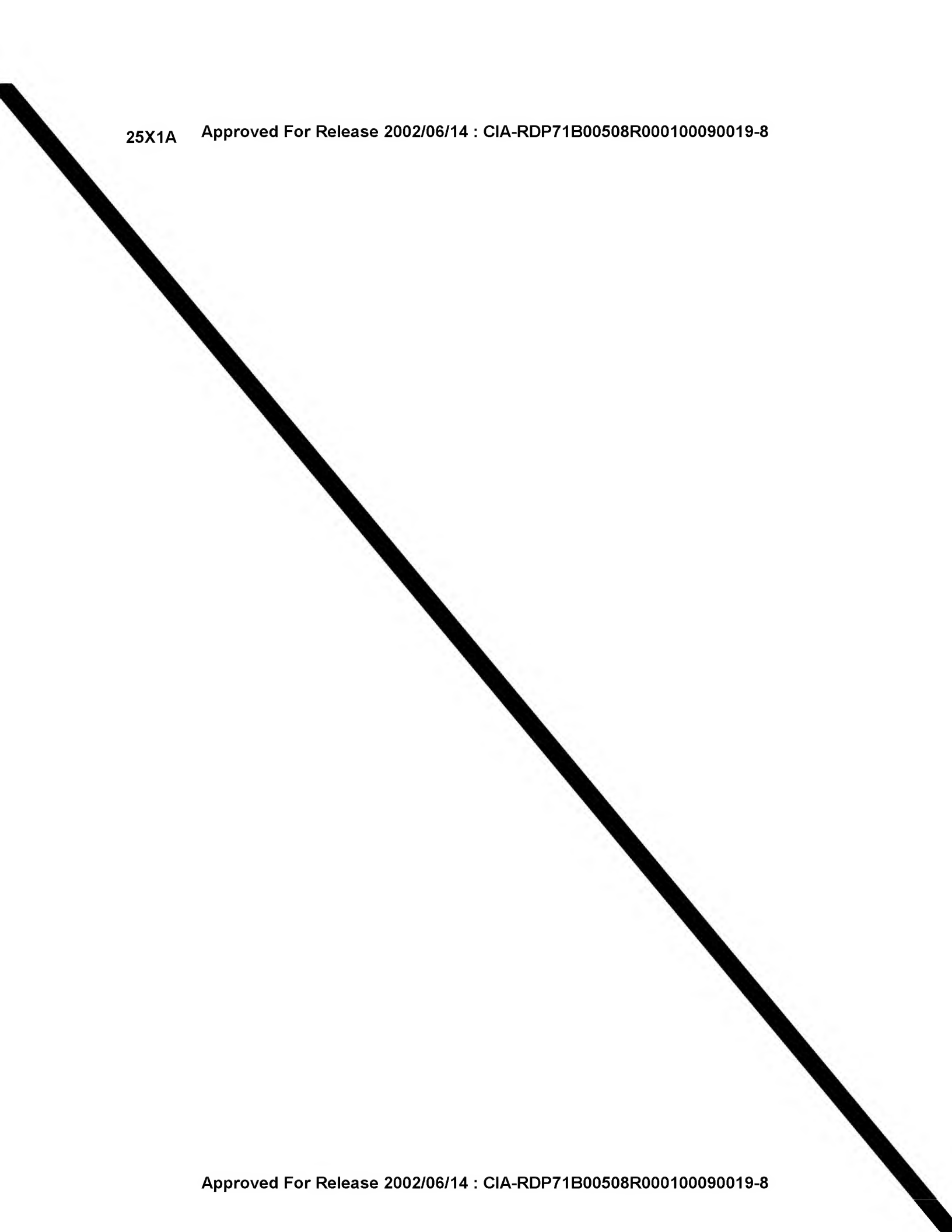
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